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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PORG, SF, WA
SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: APPROACH TO JAPAN

REF: (A) USUN 01351, (B) USUN 01323
SUMMARY: MOFA DIRGEN UN AFFAIRS OKAWA APPEARED SYMPATHE-
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TIC TO APPEAL FOR SUPPORT FOR NAMIBIAN PROPOSAL PRESENTED
BY REPRESENTATIVES WESTERN FIVE EMBASSIES APRIL 12. IN
SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH POLCOUNS HE SUGGESTED POSSIBLE
GOJ WILLINGNESS TO PARTICIPATE IN TRANSITION ASSISTANCE
GROUP AND ASKED FOR ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION
AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO FACILITATE BUDGETING FOR
THIS PROPOSAL. ACTION REQUESTED: RESPONSE TO ABOVE

INQUIRY AS WELL AS OTHER QUESTIONS POSED BY OKAWA, PARA 1
BELOW, IN REGARD TO WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL. END SUMMARY.

1. FRENCH MINISTER AND COUNSELORS UK, CANADIAN, GERMAN
AND US EMBASSIES CALLED ON DIRGEN UN AFFAIRS OKAWA
APRIL 12 TO SEEK JAPANESE SUPPORT ON NAMIBIAN PROPOSAL.
POLCOUNS, WHO ACTED AS SPOKESMAN, DREW ON TALKING POINTS
REF B AND PRESENTED AIDE MEMOIRE, PARAGRAPH 4 REF A,
AS WELL AS TEXT PROPOSAL. (MOFA HAD JUST RECEIVED ITS
OWN COPY FROM NEW YORK.) OKAWA INDICATED HE WAS IMPRESSED
WITH PROGRESS THAT HAD BEEN ACHIEVED BY WESTERN FIVE AND
SEEMED FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO LEND GOJ SUPPORT. IN THIS
CONNECTION HE RAISED NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH WE
COULD NOT ANSWER IN ANY DETAIL:

(1) IS THERE A MORE PRECISE TIMETABLE FOR UN ACTION,
E.G., WHEN DO WE ANTICIPATE VOTE ON FIRST RESOLUTION?

(2) ARE THERE SPECIFIC WAYS IN WHICH JAPANESE
MIGHT LEND THEIR SUPPORT, E.G., LEVERAGE WITH PARTICULAR
DELEGATIONS, ETC.?

(3) SCHEDULE IN PROPOSAL ANNEX APPEARS VERY TIGHT--
WILL THERE BE SUFFICIENT TIME AFTER ELECTIONS TO DRAFT
CONSTITUTION? (WE SPECULATED ON POSSIBILITY OF INTERIM
CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT OR PRELIMINARY WORK ON CON-
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STITUTION PRIOR TO ELECTIONS BUT INDICATED THESE WERE
OFFHAND THOUGHTS.)

(4) HAS SOUTH AFRICA ACCEPTED LIMIT OF 1500 ON ITS
FORCES? (WE SAID IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING NOT ALL
DETAILS OF PROPOSAL HAD BEEN ACCEPTED BUT WE WERE UN-
INFORMED ON THIS POINT.)

(5) WILL QUESTION OF EXPENSES FOR TRANSITION
ASSISTANCE GROUP COME UP AT SPECIAL SESSION ON NAMIBIA?
(OKAWA NOTED UNGA WOULD ADDRESS UNEFO BUDGET SHORTLY
AND WONDERED WHETHER TAG BUDGET MIGHT BE WRAPPED IN.)

(6) WOULD CIVILIAN MEMBERS OF TRANSITION GROUP BE
SENT TO NAMIBIA DIRECTLY BY THEIR GOVERNMENTS OR WOULD
THEY BE DETAILED FIRST TO UN AND THEN SENT TO NAMIBIA
WITH UN STATUS?

2. WE SUGGESTED TO OKAWA THAT ANSWERS TO THESE AND OTHER
QUESTIONS MIGHT BEST BE PROVIDED IN NEW YORK, BUT WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WE COULD SHARE HERE. INASMUCH
AS MOFA IS ALSO MUCH INTERESTED IN REACTIONS OF OTHER

SC MEMBERS, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE REPORTS IN THIS REGARD.

3. FOLLOWING JOINT DEMARCHE, OKAWA ASKED POLCOUNS TO REMAIN BEHIND. HE SAID ON PURELY PERSONAL, CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WHATEVER INFORMATION WE COULD PROVIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN REGARD TO PLANS FOR CIVILIAN COMPONENTS OF TRANSITION ASSISTANCE GROUP, AS WE KNOW, HIS BUREAU AND MOFA IN GENERAL HAD LONG FAVORED JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN UN PEACE-KEEPING EFFORTS. WHILE IT WAS PREMATURE TO THINK OF SENDING SELF DEFENSE FORCE UNITS, HE THOUGHT TIME WAS RIPE FOR CIVILIAN

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PARTICIPATION AND THAT JAPANESE MIGHT ALSO BE IN POSITION

TO SUPPLY EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS HELICOPTERS OR TRUCKS, FOR
EXAMPLE, TO TRANSPORT ELECTION OBSERVERS. MINISTRIES
WOULD BE WORKING UP THEIR BUDGET PRESENTATIONS IN JUNE
WITH INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS GETTING UNDER WAY IN MAY.
ACCORDINGLY, ANY INFORMATION WE COULD PROVIDE, EVEN IN
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PRELIMINARY FORM, COULD BE HELPFUL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO RESPOND
TO QUESTIONS PARAGRAPH 1 ABOVE, AS WELL AS OKAWA'S IN-
QUIRY ON POSSIBLE G0J PARTICIPATION IN TAG. MANSFIELD

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